किसानों को उचित मूल्य पर उर्वरक उपलब्ध कराना

1522. **श्री लखीराम अग्रवाल :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय व्याप्त अनिश्चित आर्थिक स्थिति में किसानों को उचित मूल्य पर उर्वरक उपलब्ध कराने के लिये सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार प्रत्येक किसान को खुले बाजार में या सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से उर्वरक उपलब्ध करायेगी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) सरकार उर्वरकों की काला-बाजारी को रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन) : (क) से (घ) किसानों को उर्वरक सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित अधिकतम अधिसूचित मूल्य के अन्तर्गत बेचे जाते हैं। ये सामग्री देश भर में स्थापित व्यापार माध्यमों के जरिये उपलब्ध है। राज्य सरकारों को यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए निर्देश जारी किये गये हैं कि उर्वरक अधिसूचित मूल्यों पर उपलब्ध हों। राज्यों को खुदरा और थोक स्तरों पर पड़े भण्डारों की जांच करने को कहा गया है ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जाए कि जमाखोरी और काला-बाजारी के सम्भव प्रयासों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की जाए। भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी किये गये निर्देशों में कदाचार करने वाले डीलरों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही भी निहित की गयी है।

Special quota of palm oil and essential commodities to Maharashtra

1523. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given any special quota of palm oil and other essential commodities to Maharashtra for Ganesh festival;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMAD): (a) to (c) The Central Government has allotted a festival quota of 9014 tonnes of sugar' to Maharashtra for distribution. during festival season; out of this 5014 tonnes have been released in August, 1991 and the balance will be released in October, 1991. Besides, a 5 per cent ad hoc increase in levy sugar allocations over normal allocations have been given to all States and U.Ts. for the period from- August, .1991 to December, 1991.

Also, keeping in view the lean season during current months, additional allocations-of rice have been made to the States and U.Ts., including Maharashtra for August and September, 1991.

No regular, allocation of imported edible oils under Public Distribution System are being "made to States/UTs including Maharashtra on account of suspension of import of edible oils due to foreign exchange constraints.

Reduction of sugar quota

1524. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sugar quota which used to be 1 kg. par head, per month on ration cards in Delhi has been reduced to 800 grams;

(b) if so, when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the same conditions are still prevailing which necessitated this reduction and if not, why the

same position has not been restored and by when it is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration has reported that since September, 1983, the ration scale for sugar in Delhi has been 800 gram per head per month. During the period February, 1978—September, 1983, the scale was variously 1 kg., 950 gram and 900 gram per head per month. The issue scale is determined with reference to the number of card units vis-a-vis availability.

Ordnance Factory in Bihar

1525. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

a) whether it is a fact that the experts Committee on Defence Industry had recommended establishment of ordnance factory in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not setting up the Factory till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In March, 1986, a Committee was constituted to examine and recommend location for setting up of a new Ordnance Factory for manufacture of propellants. The Committee recommended a number of sites including Markacho in Hazaribagh district in Bihar.

(b) Government have since decided to obtain the required quantity of propellants from the existing Ordnance factories and the civil sector and the proposal to set up a new ordnance factory has been dropped.

Cement plant at Darlaghat in H.P.

1526. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 270 crore cement plant is going to be set up in Darlaghat wild life sanctuary area of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that more than 2000 Bighas of land are being denotified from the sanctuary area for this plant;

(c) whether it is a fact that cement plants are the most polluting industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) M/s. Gujarat Ambuja Cements Limited are setting up a cement plant of one million tonne capacity per annum at Darlaghat, Tehsil Arki, District Solan in Himachal Pradesh, for which a Letter of Intent was issued to the company on 13-7-1990 by Government of India.

(b) It has been reported that the State Government of Himachal Pradesh vide their Notification dated 1-6-1991 have denotified the Darlaghat Wild Life Sanctuary.

(c) and (d) Pollution from cement plants is due to dust emissions arising out of crushing and grinding of raw materials such a limestone. The dust emission is also due to klin gases. Cement plants are required to instal appropriate equipments and implement the prescribes measures for the prevention and control of pollution to the satisfaction of the State Government concerned and the State Pollution Control Board.

Retired Defence Personnel joining Political Parties

1527. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many retired Defence personnel